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SUBJECT: KING OPENS PARLIAMENT; OUTLINES GOB AGENDA

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Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(SBU) Summary: King Hamad opened the Fall term of parliament, declaring there would be no change in the government's focus of recent years c
- 2.(SBU) On October 17, King Hamad presided over the opening joint session of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives. He spoke for
- 3.(SBU) Comment: Local press hailed the King's comments on press freedom with local Arabic dailies Al-Waqt and Al-Ayam publishing front-page ec
- 4.(C) Comment continued: The King appeared well. This was his first public appearance since returning from an extended stay in London over the